

Act No. 91 (S.25). Utilities**An act relating to public advocacy in utility matters**

This act does five things, essentially. First, it requires the Department of Public Service to give “heightened consideration” to the interests of ratepayer classes who are not independently represented parties in proceedings before the Public Service Board, including residential, low-income, and small business consumers. Second, it requires the Commissioner of Public Service to submit a report to the General Assembly concerning the Department’s representation of the consuming public and the State. Third, it permits the Public Service Board to implement an electronic filings and case management system. Fourth, it permits the Department of Public Service to participate in federal proceedings. Fifth, it permits greater coordination of the Department’s energy planning.

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